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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 May 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CD/CD)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 28, 2008 has been entered.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-22 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 8, 12, 17, 21 and 22 are the independent Claims.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed April 28, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. See rejection details. Applicant argued:

1) Regarding applicant's argument about Driskell indicates that each function element does not inherently contain both a first (icon) and second (label) identification part. Thus, the Office's assertion that "two function elements are substantially next to each other and they both are substantially perpendicular" is not according to the claimed invention since each of the at least two function elements must contain a first

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identification part and a second identification part. Applicant should duly note that Label #1 Icon A illustrates label/image of the item, and Label #7 Icon D illustrates another function element which discloses the claimed aspect of having at least two function elements. However, Label #7 does not have the icon D on the outermost, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to place icon D on label #7 to the outermost for design preferences and to use the area most efficiently on small screen devices. Both function elements are substantially close to each other. Another approach could be by an ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention by looking at Label #2, an Icon X could be placed on the outermost, because this would allow the user view the label more efficiently. Applicant should duly note Driskell also illustrates Icon B without any label # that there are various suggestions to change the design with various factors. See the new ground(s) of rejection.

2) Regarding applicant's argument about the amended Claim "such that the second identification part of the first function element and the second identification part of the second function element occupy an amount of space that is substantially equivalent to an amount of space occupied by the first identification part of the first function element in" said second direction." Amendment necessitated new ground(s) of rejection. See rejection details.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Driskell, US 6,239,803.

Regarding Claim 1, Driskell discloses a method to achieve least effort selection from an item list of arbitrary length as a technique to determine the number of items in a list to display the most appropriate number of items per page.

Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of a method defining at least three display areas that are substantially adjacent to each other in a first direction of a menu on a display of an electronic device, which menu comprises at least two function elements for selecting functions, in FIG. 1A, wherein an icon A, 1A08, Label #1, Icon D and Label #7 are displayed. (Driskell, FIG. 1A, multiple function elements).

Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of defining at least a first identification part and a second identification part that are contained in each function element of the at least two function elements in FIG. 1, wherein Label #1 defines Icon A, and Label #7 defines Icon D.

Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of displaying the first identification part of the at least two function elements in said first direction on an outermost display area of plural outermost display areas, displaying the second identification part of the at least two function elements(Label #1, Label #2) on at least one display area between said outermost display areas in such a manner that a second identification part of a first function element and a second identification part of a second function element are aligned at least substantially next to each other in a second direction substantially perpendicular to said first direction in FIGURE 1A, wherein Icon A is on most outermost display area and next to Label #1 and perpendicular to first direction.

Driskell does not specifically teach the claimed aspect of second function element has an identification part on the outermost. However, Driskell illustrates in FIG. 1, 1A08, Icon A(outermost) and label #1(substantially perpendicular to Icon A), it is would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in FIG. 1A, 1A02, to add an identification part/image/icon to the outermost on Label #2, because this would allow more efficient use of the space in small screen devices. Furthermore, two function elements(label #1 and label #2) are substantially next to each other and they both are substantially perpendicular.

Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of the second identification part of the first function element and the second identification part of the second function element occupy an amount of space that is substantially equivalent to an amount of space occupied by the first identification part of the first function element in said second direction in FIG. 1A08, wherein Label #1, #7 are illustrated with the same amount of

area for Icon A and Icon D.

Regarding Claim 2, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 1. See the rejection of Claim 1 for details. Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of dimensions of the first identification part of the function element in the second direction are substantially larger than dimensions of the second identification part of the function element in said second direction in FIGURE 3A00, wherein `iIconHeight` is given large than the `iLabelHeight`.

Regarding Claim 3, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 2. See the rejection of Claim 2 for details. Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of a size of the first identification part in the second direction is twice a size of the second identification part in said second direction in FIGURE 3A00, wherein `iLabelHeight=8` and `iIconHeight=16`.

Regarding Claim 4, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 1. See the rejection of Claim 1 for details. Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of first identification part is an image and the second identification part is a label in FIGURE 1A, wherein first identification part is an icon A and second identification part is Label #1.

Regarding Claim 5, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 1. See the rejection of Claim 1 for details. Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of at least

one function element is connected to at least one of the functions of the device, wherein a plurality of list item target areas that include active rectangular areas responsive to pointing device selection. (Driskell, Page 7, Paragraph 55).

Regarding Claim 7, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 1. See the rejection of Claim 1 for details. Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of navigation between the first function element and the second function element is conducted in the second direction in FIGURE 1A.

Regarding Claim 8, Driskell discloses the claimed aspect a graphic user interface of an electronic device for presenting various menus (Driskell, See Field of Invention). The rejection for Claim 1 applies to Claim 8. See the rejection details for Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 9, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 8. See the rejection of Claim 8 for details. The rejection for Claim 2 applies to Claim 9. See rejection details for Claim 9.

Regarding Claim 10, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 8. See the rejection of Claim 8 for details. The rejection for Claim 3 applies to Claim 10. See rejection details for Claim 3.

Regarding Claim 11, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 8. See the rejection of Claim 8 for details. The rejection for Claim 4 applies to Claim 11. See rejection details for Claim 4.

Regarding Claim 12, the method and system disclosed by Driskell could be used to achieve a device. The rejection for Claim 1 applies to Claim 12. See rejection details for Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 13, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 12. See the rejection of Claim 12 for details. The rejection for Claim 2 applies to Claim 13. See the rejection details for Claim 2.

Regarding Claim 14, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 12. See the rejection of Claim 12 for details. The rejection for Claim 3 applies to Claim 14. See the rejection details for Claim 3.

Regarding Claim 15, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 12. See the rejection of Claim 12 for details. The rejection for Claim 4 applies to Claim 15. See the rejection details for Claim 4.

Regarding Claim 17, Driskell discloses a system comprising a display unit with a graphic user interface for presenting various menus. The rejection for Claim 1 applies to Claim 17. See the rejection details for Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 18, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 17. See the rejection of Claim 17 for details. The rejection for Claim 2 applies to Claim 18. See the rejection details for Claim 2.

Regarding Claim 19, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 17. See the rejection of Claim 17 for details. The rejection for Claim 3 applies to Claim 19. See the rejection details for Claim 3.

Regarding Claims 20, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 17. See the rejection of Claim 17 for details. The rejection for Claim 4 applies to Claim 20. See the rejection details for Claim 4.

Regarding Claim 21, Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of a software program of displaying a menu on a display of an electronic device, the program stored on a computer readable medium comprising a number of instructions for performing the

steps in FIGURES 5A-8M, wherein software sections are illustrated. The rejection for Claim 1 applies to Claim 21. See the rejection details for Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 22, Driskell discloses the claimed aspect of a storage medium readable by a computer, inherently, because they teach the aspect of said medium containing information stored therein for performing the steps. The rejection for Claim 1 applies to Claim 22. See the rejection details for Claim 1.

Claims 6 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Driskell, US 6,239,803 in view of Twerdahl et al. US Pub.: 2004/0221243 A1.

Regarding Claim 6, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 5. See the rejection of Claim 5 for details. Driskell does not teach the claimed aspect of a function, at least two function elements is a phone number directory, an image manager, a phone manager, a message manager or an electronic organizer. However, Twerdahl discloses the claimed aspect of function element being "Address", 318 could be define as a phone manager, "SMS", 308 could be defined as message manager in FIG. 2 and in FIG. 2 "Multimedia", 210 could be defined as an image manager. It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add Twerdahl's element function on Driskell's invention, because it will

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allow the users on small screen devices such as cell phone or PDA to view multiple element functions.

Regarding Claim 16, most of the limitations have been met in the rejection of Claim 12. See the rejection of Claim 12 for details. The rejection for Claim 6 applies to Claim 16. See the rejection details for Claim 6.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ECE HUR whose telephone number is (571) 270-1972. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, WILLIAM BASHORE can be reached on 571-272-4088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only.

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